

pursuing his master's degree, Matt became a teaching assistant and realized his passion for teaching science.

After graduating from U.C. Riverside, Matt completed his student teaching at A.B. Miller High School in Fontana, and taught physical science and biology at Westlake High School. He also taught chemistry through U.C. Riverside's Faststart summer program in 2008 and 2009. Matt has been teaching chemistry and earth science at Poly High School in Riverside since 2004.

Being recognized for his outstanding efforts is not new to Matt. In fact, he was awarded the Walton B. Sinclair Award in 2001 for being an outstanding student teacher at U.C. Riverside, and he also received the "Special Friend to Special Education" award from Conejo Valley Unified School District in 2003 for his work with the Information Technology Academy at Westlake High School. Additionally, he received special recognition for his collaboration with students in publishing a scientific article on protein structure.

True to his character of never settling for the status quo, Matt resurrected the Advanced Placement chemistry class which had not been available at Poly High School for several years. In his first year of teaching, more than 60 percent of his class passed the AP test. A 60 percent passing rate is still better than the national average, but that did not stop Matt from pushing himself to help even more of his students succeed. In 2009, that number grew to 92.3 percent, which is an incredible testament to Matt's dedication.

Matt has also taken the initiative to improve his contact with parents. He regularly emails the parents of his students with upcoming test information and packets of work, as well as routine grade checks so parents can stay in tune with their child's progress.

Matt has shown diversity in his non-science interests as well. In 2006 he started a photography club at Poly High School to share his interest in photography. The club has grown from a handful of students to nearly 100 students. And at the end of each year, the students display their work in a gallery in downtown Riverside.

Additionally, Matt coaches the Mock Trial club, and has led his team to the state competition two of the last six years.

Matt has said that the most important part of teaching is giving back to the community and his students; his actions have spoken much louder than his words. Matt has truly shown that he is an exemplary educator.

Matt Schiller's tireless passion for science and education has contributed immensely to the betterment of his students and the entire community of Riverside, California. I am proud to call Matt a fellow community member, American and friend. I know that many students, parents, and faculty members are grateful for his service and join me in congratulating Matt on receiving this prestigious award.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. PAUL RYAN

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 10, 2010

Mr. RYAN of Wisconsin. Madam Speaker, last week, due to a death in the family, I was

not present to vote on the House floor. Had I been present, I would have cast the following votes:

Rollcall 291: H. Con. Res. 278 On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Agree—"yes."

Rollcall 292: H.R. 1017 On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass as Amended—"yes."

Rollcall 293: H.R. 5330 On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, as Amended—"yes."

Rollcall 294: H.R. 5145 On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, as Amended—"yes."

Rollcall 295: H. Res. 1258 On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Agree, as Amended—"yes."

Rollcall 296: H. Res. 1382 On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Agree—"yes."

Rollcall 297: H. Res. 584 On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Agree—"yes."

Rollcall 298: H.R. 3885 On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass—"yes."

Rollcall 299: H.R. 2711 On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Concur in the Senate Amendments—"yes."

Rollcall 300: H. Res. 1189 On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Agree—"yes."

Rollcall 301: H. Res. 1172 On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Agree—"yes."

Rollcall 302: H. Res. 1347 On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Agree—"yes."

Rollcall 303: H. Res. 1385 On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Agree—"yes."

Rollcall 304: H. Res. 1316 On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Agree as Amended—"yes."

Rollcall 305: H. Res. 1169 On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Agree, as Amended—"yes."

Rollcall 306: H. Con. Res. 282 On Agreeing to the Resolution—"no."

Rollcall 307: H. Res. 1404 On Agreeing to the Resolution—"no."

Rollcall 308: H. Res. 1161 On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Agree—"yes."

Rollcall 309: H. Res. 1372 On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Agree—"yes."

Rollcall 310: H.R. 5136 On Agreeing to the Amendment—"yes."

Rollcall 311: H.R. 5136 On Agreeing to the Amendment—"yes."

Rollcall 312: H.R. 5136 On Agreeing to the Amendment—"no."

Rollcall 313: H.R. 5136 On Agreeing to the Amendment—"yes."

Rollcall 314: H.R. 5136 On Agreeing to the Amendment—"no."

Rollcall 315: H.R. 5136 On Agreeing to the Amendment—"no."

Rollcall 316: H.R. 5136 On Agreeing to the Amendment—"yes."

Rollcall 317: H.R. 5136 On Agreeing to the Amendment—"no."

Rollcall 318: H.R. 5136 On Agreeing to the Amendment—"yes."

Rollcall 319: H.R. 5136 On Approving the Journal—"no."

Rollcall 320: H. Res. 1391 On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Agree, as Amended—"yes."

Rollcall 321: H. Res. 1403 On Ordering the Previous Question—"no."

Rollcall 322: H. Res. 1403 On Agreeing to the Amendment—"no."

Rollcall 323: H. Res. 1403 On Agreeing to the Resolution, as Amended—"no."

Rollcall 324: H.R. 4213 On Concurring in the Senate amdt with amdt (except portion comprising section 532—"no."

Rollcall 325: H.R. 4123 On concurring in Senate amdt with portion of amdt comprising section 523—"no."

Rollcall 326: H.R. 5116 First Portion of the Divided Question—"yes."

Rollcall 327: H.R. 5116 Second Portion of the Divided Question—"yes."

Rollcall 328: H.R. 5116 Sixth Portion of the Divided Question—"yes."

Rollcall 329: H.R. 5116 Seventh Portion of the Divided Question—"yes."

Rollcall 330: H.R. 5116 Eighth Portion of the Divided Question—"yes."

Rollcall 331: H.R. 5116 Ninth Portion of the Divided Question—"yes."

Rollcall 332: H.R. 5116 On Passage—"no."

Rollcall 333: H.R. 5136 On Agreeing to the En Bloc Amendments, as Modified—"yes."

Rollcall 334: H.R. 5136 Table Appeal of the Ruling of the Chair—"no."

Rollcall 335: H.R. 5136 On Motion to Re-commit with Instructions—"yes."

Rollcall 336: H.R. 5136 On Passage—"no."

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 125TH ANNIVERSARY OF OLLIE GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH

HON. RODNEY ALEXANDER

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 10, 2010

Mr. ALEXANDER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 125th anniversary of Ollie Grove Baptist Church in Choudrant, La.

The church, which will celebrate this landmark anniversary on June 20, 2010, began in 1885 when a small group of men and women joined forces. These pioneers initially held services in a brush arbor until the first box-like frame building was constructed a year later. While the church building has changed many times over the past century, the church has continued to provide spiritual guidance to the Jackson Parish community since its inception.

Today, Ollie Grove Baptist Church is led by a dynamic young Pastor named Derric Chatman where he performs missionary outreach and works to increase the number of young men and women believing in the Holy Father and living a life in accordance to his word.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Ollie Grove Baptist Church for its dedication to providing a steadfast place of worship. Countless Sunday morning services, baptisms, weddings have been held there, and I am confident it will continue to be a source of Christian love and fellowship well over the next 100 years.

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SPEECH OF

HON. JOHN SULLIVAN

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 9, 2010

Mr. SULLIVAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of one of the U.S.'s strongest and most steadfast allies, Israel. Since the tragic events of May 31, 2010, many have publicly questioned the right of Israel to defend herself